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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

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INFO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 01941

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, PL, SREF

SUBJECT: POLISH REFUGEES FROM THE "STEPHEN BATORY"

1. POLISH DESK OFFICER IN THE FRG FONOFF, ARNOT, TOLD EMBOFF FEB 4 THAT THE FONOFF WAS TAKING NO STEPS WITH REGARD TO THE 64 POLES WHO LEFT THE "STEPHEN BATORY" IN HAMBURG ON JAN 28. THE REASON FOR THIS HANDS OFF APPROACH, ARNOT SAID, WAS THE FRG REGARDS THE ACTION OF THESE POLES AS A PURELY PRIVATE MATTER. THEIR APPLICATIONS TO REMAIN IN THE FRG WOULD BE DEALT WITH AS PRESENTED AT THE ZINDORGF REFUGEE CENTER. (AS OF FEB 4, 30 HAD APPLIED. THE REMAINING 34 ARE ASSUMED TO BE STAYING WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN THE FRG.)

2. ARNOT CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED SO FAR TO REMAIN IN THE FRG ARE GIVING REASONS FOR THEIR FLIGHT FROM POLAND WHICH DO NOT ENTITLE THEM TO POLITICAL ASYLUM -- I.E., MOST OF THEM ARE REMAINING FOR ECONOMIC REASONS RATHER THAN POLITICAL PROSECUTION. HOWEVER, ARNOT SAID, IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT NONE OF THEM WOULD BE FORCED TO

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RETURN TO POLAND.

3. ARNOT POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER THE POLISH FONOFF NOR THE POLISH EMBASSY HERE HAD TAKEN ANY DIPLOMATIC STEPS WITH RESPECT TO THE REFUGEES. ARNOT DID NOT THINK THAT THEY WOULD, AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS INCIDENT WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON CURRENT FRG-POLISH TALKS.

4. POLISH DIPLOMAT CONFIRMED ARNOT'S ASSESSMENT IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF FEB 5. HE SAID THE POLISH EMBASSY SAW NO POINT IN PUSHING ON THIS ISSUE, FOR IT COULD ONLY DRAMATIZE AN ALREADY SENSITIVE AFFAIR.  
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